

went back to school to earn a degree in fire science and climbed the ranks to Captain. In 2016, after years of service, Eileen returned to school to earn an additional associates degree, maximizing her ability to serve the community.

I sincerely thank Bruce Township Firefighter/EMT, Eileen Rhodes, for outstanding service to her community. I am so inspired by the strong woman she is, and how she represents the very best of American values and community leadership. I want to congratulate Eileen for reaching this career milestone. Bruce Township is a stronger, safer place to call home because of her work. Her community thanks her for her dedicated service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL.
DONALD "DON" P. MORSE, D.D.S.

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, Col. Donald "Don" P. Morse, D.D.S. Don passed away on March 24, 2022, at the age of 87. I served under his command while stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base (AFB) in Germany many years ago. Don influenced my life, and the lives of every other officer entrusted under his command, with his unwavering patriotism and steadfast leadership.

He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Christmas Day in 1934. Don graduated from Ray High School and went to Del Mar College before attending the University of Texas Dental School in Houston. After graduating from dental school in 1959, he commissioned into the Air Force as a dental officer. Don served for 26 years and had many different duty stations, both overseas and state-side. During his last 13 years, he was the Base Dental Commander at various military installations throughout the U.S. and overseas, including Ramstein AFB. Don received numerous decorations for his military service. Among them, were the Chief Dental Badge and Legion of Merit.

After retiring from the Air Force, Don was asked to serve as the Dental Health Coordinator for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. He later became the Public Health Administrator for the district, overseeing not only Dental Health services but also the Health Department Communicable Disease programs, Animal Care services, and Occupational Health and Wellness services. Don was instrumental in adding fluoride to the city of San Antonio's water, was the Medical Logistics Officer for Pope St. John Paul II's visit to San Antonio in 1987, and worked with various programs such as Head Start. Throughout both his military and public health careers, Don sat on countless committees, authored several published works, and received many honors.

He took great pride in his country and community, serving on the board of the Beethoven Mäennerchor, one of Texas's oldest German singing societies, for 13 years. Don enjoyed singing, volunteering, and supporting German culture, language, and Gemütlichkeit. He was also passionate about riding motorcycles, a pastime that allowed him to take in the beauty of our nation firsthand. However, time spent

with family and friends was Don's ultimate joy. He loved telling stories with poetic skill and humor, often times in German. Don never met a stranger, and his love for traveling and sense of adventure took him all over the world. He is survived by his wife, Iris Morse; son, Eric Morse; daughter, Lia Connors, and husband, Skip; granddaughters, Isabella Morse, Arianna Morse, Zoe Connors, and Quinn Connors; stepdaughters, Jill Rittmann, Julie Ellis and husband, Jeremy, and Karen Kricka and husband, Simon; step-grandchildren, Geoffrey Rittmann and wife, Katie, Aidan Ellis, Arianna Ellis, Jackson Kricka, Corbin Kricka, and Chloe Kricka. Don is preceded in death by the mother of his children, Suse Morse. He considered all of his family a precious blessing to him.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to celebrate the life of this remarkable American, an outstanding mentor who taught me what it means to be a patriot. Don was a fine military officer and served his country and community with distinction. May God continue to bless his family and loved ones, and my heartfelt prayers remain with them during this difficult time.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
RORY SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Rory Smith of Maumee, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Rory's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Rory brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Rory participated in student government, Waterville Historical Society, and was president of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Rory was involved with cross country, swimming, and baseball, earning varsity letters in all three. I am confident that Rory will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rory Smith on his offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Rory will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILLIAM G. MATHER SCHOOL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the William G. Mather School for their 100th anniversary celebration on May 4, 2022. Through their longtime devotion to their students and community, William G. Mather School has inspired countless students and become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Named after the industrialist and Upper Peninsula iron magnate, the William G. Mather School first opened in 1922. Originally a high school teaching grades 9 through 12, Mather was built as a state-of-the-art facility. Its gymnasium, known as The Pit, is famous throughout the Upper Peninsula for hosting many sporting and social events over the last century, and seats hundreds of local spectators and students. During this historic centennial celebration, we honor the generations of dedicated faculty of William G. Mather and their devotion to educating our local youth. Today, Mather Elementary School continues that legacy of excellence, giving students in the U.P. the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the William G. Mather School for their tireless work educating our youth and their drive to bring positive change to their community. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK AND RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY FAMILY BUILDING COALITION

HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, this week, we celebrate and bring recognition to National Infertility Awareness week. April is also the month of the military child.

Parenthood is one of the most rewarding chapters in life, and our armed service members experiencing the challenges of infertility should have access to quality care, treatment, and resources. One organization working to make that happen is the Military Family Building Coalition (MFBC), a non-profit military support organization started by two SEAL wives, Ellen Gustafson and Katy Bell Hendrickson. One of MFBC's initiatives, "The Tadpole Project", allows the NSW community to cryogenically freeze their sperm so conception can occur whenever the service member and spouse is ready to build their family, even if the service member is deployed.

For our military families, the time to have a child should not be dictated by the enemy or deployment cycle. I commend Ellen and Katy on their critical work. They show the grit and determination of SEAL spouses, who just like

their husbands, always accomplish their mission.

RECOGNIZING THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL COCOA BEACH "FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND" KIDNEY WALK AND THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, May 7, 2022, thousands of residents from across Central Florida will gather at the Cocoa Beach Pier in Cocoa Beach, Florida, to take part in the Eleventh Annual "Footprints in the Sand" Cocoa Beach Kidney Walk. Katie and I have joined others in our community in participating every year since the first walk was organized in 2012 by Rich Salick, Bill Hahn and volunteers with the Florida Affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation.

The "Footprints in the Sand" Kidney Walk brings our community together to show our love and concern. So many of us have family, friends and loved ones that are afflicted by kidney disease, and they need our strength and support. The road ahead is not easy for them, but as the kidney walk demonstrates, they do not have to travel that path alone.

The National Kidney Foundation of Florida, its supporters and activists have made a significant difference in people's lives. They not only raise awareness about this disease, but they have helped push for much needed changes in our laws and new innovations to give patients more treatment options and a better quality of life. This year organizers of the kidney walk will recognize organ donors and their families for giving the precious gift of life so that others could receive a second chance and continue with their lives.

Those recognized include:

Dawn Futch honoring Micheal Futch, Vivien Pogeler honoring Scott Pogeler, Jasmin Persaud honoring Anand Persaud, Jennifer Eden honoring Blake Eden, Mandee Seitz honoring Aryia Grace, Teresa Ervin honoring Timothy Dean Ervin, Shebna Dorsey honoring Andrew Dorsey, Ellen Tuech honoring Geoffrey "Geoff" Wasden, Pat Brown honoring Michael Brown, Mary Carpenter honoring Shawn Carpenter, Tammy Lee honoring Dylan Rowe, Sherri Wilson honoring William "Garrett" Coe, Kathleen Deleonardo honoring Anthony Deleonardo, Monica Beyrooti honoring Seth Beyrooti, Susan Sharp honoring Sean Sharp, Leslie Collins honoring Jose Collins, and Nancy Velazquez honoring Pedro Batista.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the strong will of these caring families, their loved ones and all those who have joined the effort and worked tirelessly to raise awareness about kidney disease.

BLUESTAR RECYCLERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize BlueStar Recyclers for winning the Golden Rotary's 2022 Ethics in Business Award.

Each year, the Golden Rotary Club awards one for-profit company and one non-profit organization for their outstanding ethical behavior and leadership. The community is asked to nominate organizations whom they think display the highest standards of ethical business practices, integrity, and civic and social responsibility. Winners are then chosen by students in an Ethics class at the Colorado School of Mines.

A non-profit organization, BlueStar works to recycle electronics and other materials and in turn create local jobs for people with autism and other disabilities. Their mission has enabled them to be successful while making a huge impact on our community. There are countless examples of BlueStar's positive impact in our community and high ethical and moral standards. The company boasts some of the lowest turnover, absenteeism, and lost-time accident rates in the industry. Testimonies from employees show a positive workplace environment and personal growth opportunities for all employees.

BlueStar has proven to be a highly successful organization which helps people with disabilities, provides an excellent return on investment for its customers while being environmentally-conscious and giving back to their community. Congratulations to BlueStar Recyclers on receiving this award from the Golden Rotary Club and I thank them for their ethical leadership and ongoing contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and many others for the extraordinary advancements made over the last four decades to help individuals build families who, without this progress, could not do so. National Infertility Awareness Week, founded in 1989 by RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, is the largest public awareness campaign that addresses the public health issue of infertility.

Most Americans are not aware that one in eight, or nearly 7.4 million Americans are hindered by the disease of infertility. It affects both men and women and knows no barriers.

Infertility affects all races, religious backgrounds, and every economic status. I introduce this bipartisan resolution to highlight this issue, encourage research, and support all those affected by infertility.

Since 1978, extraordinary medical advancements have enabled millions of couples to receive life-affirming treatments that resulted in the delivery of babies. We must continue this progress and especially work to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in research and treatment. Bringing a child into the world is truly a blessing and should be available for anyone who wants to start a family, no matter their background.

The contributions that research scientists have made to advance infertility treatments—including a procedure that allows young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments—are utterly amazing. Organizations like RESOLVE, the National Infertility Association, and the Alliance for Fertility Preservation, all advocate for the millions of individuals and couples in this country who need help to have a family.

I know from my own infertility experience, that to realize the dream of having children, we must better understand infertility and how it affects individuals and families to advocate for sensible solutions, more effectively.

Ms. Barb Collura, the CEO of RESOLVE, has testified before Congress in support of fertility services for the countless military veterans whose service-related injuries have rendered them infertile. There are also others such as Joyce Reinecke, Executive Director of the Alliance for Fertility Preservation and cancer survivor, has lent her voice to the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. In fact, in the absence of adequate coverage, charitable organizations provide valuable, life-changing, financial assistance to cancer survivors who would like to have children but lack support.

Congress can do more to remove barriers that currently exist for those who experience infertility challenges. And I applaud my colleagues, including Congresswomen JULIA BROWNLEY, ROSA DELAURIO, MARILYN STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN for joining me in introducing legislation devoted to eliminating obstacles to building families.

I also salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of creating a family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to cast my vote on Roll Call No. 127. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 127.